

Craftsbury Energy Committee Minutes:
Jan. 18, 2018 meeting

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Kevin Gregoire, Ned Houston, Mabel Houghton, Jim Flint and Lisa Sammet

1. Proposal to the Select Board for weatherization and efficiencies on Town Garage buildings to be voted on at Town Meeting March 2018:

A. As the proposal currently stands the CEC recommends that up to \$20,000.00 of the Green Mountain Power Good Neighbor Fund be used to work on 4 possible priorities for the buildings including:

Priority #1: Thermal Shell improvements for all three buildings: Ceiling sealing and insulation, using an Efficiency Vermont (EVT) certified contractor which will qualify Town for incentives

Priority #2: Snow Plow Garage: Reduce humidity and resolve the moisture problem by installing an HRV (Heat Recovery Ventilator) and investigate the need for a dehumidifier, both qualify for EVT incentives and rebates if an EVT certified contractor is used.

Priority #3: Upgrade Lighting: Save energy, improve working conditions and visibility by installing more efficient fixtures and LED bulbs

Priority #4: Thermostat upgrades: Install programmable thermostats to better manage thermal heating needs at different times of the day and night

B. CEC currently getting estimates for the work which must be submitted ASAP for Town Warning

-Amelia is getting info from William Fitzpatrick of Shelter Construction who worked for the Town of Danville

-Select Board Chair Bruce Urie is talking with the contractor for the Town of Westmore

-Amelia met with lighting contractor Sutton River Electrical who gave an estimate of \$7,623.29

2. CEC in a joint effort submitted its annual report for the Town Report 2018

3. CEC adopted its mission statement:

“Craftsbury Energy Committee’s mission is to lead and engage the community in energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. We do this through education, advocacy, outreach and partnering with neighbors and town groups.”

4. Future possible endeavors:

-Electric Vehicle (EV) Stations for our town

-Group net metering possibilities

-Ways to use finance companies to finance net metered energy

5. Joint effort with Glover Energy Committee showing Al Gore film: Inconvenient Sequel on Friday, Jan 19: Ned and Susan Houston are going to attend with Mabel and Don Houghton

6. Town Hall Weatherization: Next steps

-At this time we could do some easy things ourselves such as insulating the basement windows

7. CEC members asked to post energy saving tips on Front Porch Forum frequently

-Add the mission statement at the bottom and a welcome for new members

-Ned and Amelia will do a couple before Town Meeting

8. Members of the Hyde Park Energy Committee will attend our February meeting on the 22nd

9. Presentations:

-February will be “Climate Degradation and Local Preparedness Discussion” which Lisa is arranging.

-March or April: weatherization program with EVT followed by perhaps a panel discussion composed of local energy auditors and the Heat Squad of Rutland (provide low-cost energy audits for homes and businesses and they are expanding into Orleans, Caledonia and Essex Counties)

-Find an “Energy Game” to play (such as Farm Sim)

10. Other:

-Tours of energy efficient buildings:

-Dylan Kinsey for another open house in March?

-Anna Kehler (Greensboro) won the Best of the Best award from EVT for weatherization of a drafty older house with a lot of “do-it-yourself” work, Mark Snyder did the before and after energy audits, some work was done by John Hunt

-EVT Better Building By Design Conference: Kevin is planning to attend, Feb 7 & 8

-Kevin made a connection with the ST Johnsbury Energy Committee at the VECAN conference

-A low-income apartment house project in Hardwick is being worked on by the Lamoille Housing partnership with Jim Lovinsky of East Hardwick

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at 7 PM